



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

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Dear Web Basic Pilot User,

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is pleased that you have volunteered to participate in the Web-based Basic Pilot Employment Verification Program which is administered jointly by USCIS and the Social Security Administration.

An integral part of this pilot program, as described in the Memorandum of Understanding that you signed when you registered to participate in the Web Basic Pilot, is an evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the program. The goals of the evaluation are to understand whether the pilot program is working as intended and to determine whether the benefits of the program exceed the costs. Congress is interested in this information to help it determine whether a program such as the Web-based Basic Pilot program should be made mandatory for a larger group of employers and, if so, what modifications to the current program need to be made. Your participation in this evaluation will, therefore, be an important factor in the future direction of employment verification in this country.

As part of this evaluation, we have authorized Westat, an independent social science consulting firm, to conduct a survey of 1,000 pilot participants. We have told Westat to treat all responses to this survey as highly confidential, to the extent allowable by law. They will only provide us and others who are not part of the evaluation team with summary results. These summaries will not permit identification of individual respondents or corporate names or locations.

Westat is sending you an email message to ask you to participate in this important evaluation, entitled the Study of Employment Eligibility (SEE). I would very much appreciate your full cooperation with this request.

On behalf of USCIS, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in the Web-based Basic Pilot employment verification program. If you have any concerns regarding the evaluation of the Web-based Basic Pilot program, please call Sally Goya, Project Manager, or me at (202) 272-1470.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa S. Roney". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lisa S. Roney
Director, Research and Evaluation